

### **REMARKS**

No additional fee is due for this Amendment because the number of independent claims and the total number of claims has decreased.

#### **Amendment to the Claims**

Applicants have canceled Claims 10-23 in view of the restriction requirement. Applicants have added new dependent Claims 24-34, which are fully supported by Applicants' original specification and claims. No new matter has been added by this Amendment.

#### **Election/Restrictions**

Applicants hereby elect alleged "Invention I" with traverse. Applicants have canceled Claims 10-23 without prejudice in view of the restriction requirement. Applicants have added new Claims 24-34, which depend from Claim 4. Claims 1-9 and 24-34 are properly classified in "Invention I."

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the restriction requirement. The Office lists at the top of page 3, utilities that are alleged to be separate. However, Applicants assert that these "separate utilities" are also utilities of the system of Claim 4. For example, Claim 4 recites an application for "distributor transactions," which generally includes the "intake of distributor identification details" that is listed in the Office Action. Independent Claim 4 is/was simply generic to independent Claim 10.

To expedite prosecution, Applicants have canceled Claims 10-23 and added new dependent Claims 24-34. Reconsideration of the restriction requirement and examination of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

#### **Conclusion**

Applicants intend to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action. If the Examiner detects any issue which the Examiner believes Applicants

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have not addressed in this response, Applicants' undersigned attorney requests a telephone interview with the Examiner.

Applicants sincerely believe that this Patent Application is now in condition for allowance and, thus, respectfully request early allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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